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SUBJECT: FCO DENIES REPORTS UK TO ACCEPT 1,000

VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: LONDON 6676 (NOTAL)

- 1. ALL BRITISH NEWS MEDIA MAY 5 CARRY STORY HMG IS EXPECTED TO ADMIT ABOUT 1,000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. SOURCE OF THIS STORY WAS JOHN LEE A LABOR MP WHO APPARENTLY SAID "HE WOULD NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT 1,000 OR SO (REFUGEES) COMING HERE".
- 2. WE QUERRIED MALLET OF FCO ON THIS REPORT AS IT APPEARED TO BE CONTRARY TO INFORMATION GIVEN TO US MAY 2 (REFTEL) WHICH INDICATED THAT UK WOULD TAKE UP TO 100 REFUGEES OTHER THAN VIETNAMESE ALREADY IN UK. MALLET SAID THAT THERE IS NO BASIS TO STORY. AT NOON PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 5 FCO SPOKESMAN SAID HMG IS CONSIDERING ADMISSION OF "SMALL NUMBER" OF REFUGEES. MALLET SAID THAT SITUATION IS FURTHER CONFUSED BY ARRIVAL IN HONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KONG OF SOME 4,500 REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG

AFTER THEIR SHIP SANK. UK WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM
OF 4,500 AS MATTER OF FIRST PRIORITY PUSHING BACK ANY
CONSIDERATION OF TAKING OTHER REFUGEES FROM OTHER SOUR-
CES.

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